GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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POLLUTING SLAUGHTER HOUSES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether lacs of industrial units have either been closed or shifted due to pollution on account of Supreme Court orders;

(b) if so, whether a large number of authorized/unauthorized slaughter houses are seriously polluting water, land and air in the country;

(c) if so, the norms fixed for disposal of rejected body parts; and

(d) the measures taken or being taken to close down these slaughter houses for failure to comply with statutory rules ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) Some of the industrial units falling under the categories of hazardous/polluting units including slaughter houses especially in Delhi/Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu & West Bengal were closed down/shifted as per the directives of the Courts.However, a few such units have been allowed to be re-commissioned after the installation of necessary pollution control devices as per the Court`s directives.

Environmental norms/guidelines have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, and the slaughter houses are required to follow these norms/guidelines. Legal action has been initiated by the regulatory agencies against the defaulting units.